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She ſtraight way askt him when they ſhould be wed:
He quickly anſwer'd and to her did ſhow,
When theſe things came to paſs which he hath pen'd below.

To the Tune of, Turn Love, &c.

ONce did I kiſs a fair Lady,
and gave her a thing to but;
I promiſ'd to get her a baby,
but yet I ne're did do't:
Now ſhe to queſtion doth me call,
and clames promiſe of me;
And I muſt declare before you all,
When ſhe my Bride ſhall be.

I ſtraight way made her this reply,
cauſe ſhe was ſo eager to know;
When birds have no wings to fly
or Sugar on trees do grow:
Or when the ſalt Sea I can wade,
and not a fiſh to ſee;
Or when two men the Trent can lade
then Betty my Bride ſhall be.

When ſhopkeepers can't tell a lye
and Broakers ſell good ware;
When great whales on dry land do cry
come catch me now who dare;
Or when the cat on the fiddle can play,
and mice dance merrily;
Or when at midnight 'tis noon-day,
then Betty my Bride ſhall be.

When new born Children they can go,
and ask for bread and chees;
Or Lawyers they will plead alls,
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When the hare the hound he doth
and rabits they do run at men,
When Roger he is baptized Hugh,
and then alters it again; (corn,
When a miller grinds and hath no
and lets all go tole-free;
Or Blumbs do grow on every thorn,
then Betty my Bride ſhall be.

When Taylors they do no nædles uſe
or can ſowe without e're a thread;
And a Lord a Black a moor doth chuſe,
for a wife to take in bed:
When a drunkard can no longer drink
and Hoſtiles is grown free,
Or you can tell me what I do think,
then Betty my Bride ſhall be.

When Jockey is true to his Countrey
and ſwears he will dye in a ſtring;
Or Souldiers no longer ſtand centry,
and traitors do love the King,
When all nations they are at quiet,
and never more diſagree;
And a glutton can live without diet,
then Betty my Bride ſhall be.

When flowers do flowriſh in winter,
and birds don't build at ſpring;
When an Owl cries work for a tinker
and a Parot can whiſtle and ſing,
Or when pigs they can plow & harrow
brave dayes you then ſhall ſee,
And men no more money doth borrow,
then Betty my Bride ſhall be.

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When an hoſtler doth brea' a horſe,
with giving him too much hay
when all's true that a lyar doth tell ye
believe him then well you may;
When tapſters cannot miſreckon men
and a whore lives honeſtly,
Or ſhe breaks her neck & it's ſet again
then Betty my Bride ſhall be.

when a cowart doth kil al men he mæt
& a Caſtle doth run for fear, (ſtreet
Or a bawd goes naked through the
at noon and none do ſee her:
Or when a man can catch a hare,
and run as faſt as ſhe;
Or when that I am made Lord mayor
then Betty my bride ſhall be.

when that I have ſo much ſilver & gold
as I cannot tell in a year,
Or when no woman in't world can ſcold
nor drink ſtrong ale or beer,
Or when every young man takes a laſs
and none is left for me, (pals
When all theſe things do come to
then Betty my bride ſhall be,

So if until then ſhe will tarry,
perhaps ſhe a husband may finde,
Before I her never will marry,
though ſhe'd prove never ſo kind:
For if maids minds they do falter,
and ſhe is too cunning for me,
But if ever my minde it doth alter,
then Betty my bride ſhall be.

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